

**CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED MEETING
CITY OF WATERTOWN
April 6, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Jeffrey M. Smith Presiding

Present: Council Member Sarah V. Compo
Council Member Ryan J. Henry-Wilkinson
Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero
Mayor Jeffrey M. Smith

Mayor Smith opened the adjourned meeting from April 6, 2021.

Councilmember Henry-Wilkinson motioned to enter executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual. Mayor Smith seconded the motion.

Under discussion Councilmember Ruggiero stated she believed the coming discussion should take place in view of the public.

Councilmember Henry-Wilkinson stated he did not have a problem proceeding as the previous candidates were afforded a private meeting.

Mayor Smith added that Council had previously been advised by legal counsel that interviewing candidates for City Council did not violate open meetings provisions since candidates are in essence interviewing for a job which receives monetary compensation.

Mr. Schorr and Mr. Fox were present in the gallery, and both politely voiced their objection to the circumstances of the executive session.

At the call of the chair, a vote was taken on the foregoing motion and carried with all voting yeas except Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero voting nay.

Council waited a few moments for the gallery to clear and moved into Executive Session at 6:04 p.m.

At 6:38 p.m., Councilmember Henry-Wilkinson motioned to leave executive session. Councilmember Ruggiero seconded the motion. The motion carried with no objections.

Council waited a few moments for members of the public to reenter the gallery. Council reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolution No. 10 - Appointment to Fill Vacant City Council Seat, Leonard G. Spaziani

Introduced by Council Member Ryan J. Henry-Wilkinson

WHEREAS there is a vacancy on the City Council of the City of Watertown by reason of resignation of Jesse C.P. Roshia, and

WHEREAS this Council pursuant to law in such cases made and provided, is authorized to fill such vacancy,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Leonard G. Spaziani is hereby appointed as Council Member to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of former Council Member Jesse C.P. Roshia for the remainder of 2021, such term to expire on December 31, 2021.

Seconded by Council Member Sarah V. Compo

Rules waived by Motion of Council Member Ryan J. Henry-Wilkinson, seconded by Council Member Sarah V. Compo and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Councilmember Henry-Wilkinson said he needed more time to consider the resolution.

Councilmember Ruggiero added she was unaware that Res 10 would be considered but she would be ready to vote on the matter by the next regular session.

Mayor Smith offered that procedurally Council would need to table the motion.

Motion was made by Council Member Ryan J. Henry-Wilkinson to table the foregoing resolution. Motion was seconded by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

A D J O U R N M E N T

At the call of the chair, meeting was duly adjourned at 6:43 p.m. by motion of Council Member Ryan J. Henry-Wilkinson, seconded by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Council Member Ryan J. Henry-Wilkinson was the acting scribe for the above minutes.

Ann M. Saunders
City Clerk